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Western Maryland Placed in Receivers' Hands.

HURT BY RATE BILL

Unable to Transport Coal from promised with Barker by paying \$800 down Its Own Mines.

NET REVENUES INCREASING the horses.

minus, Finds Its Greatest Source of Revenue in Carrying Coal Produced in Its Own Mines-Condition of the Security Market Prevents Sale of the Property to Advantage at This Time.

provision of the Hepburn rate law, which goes into effect on May 1, and forbids a two women, coal-carrying railroad to transport coal The important captures were made at tant the department has made in years, mined by it, the Western Maryland Railroad Company, a Gould line and a heavy coal-carrying road, has gone into the hands of its president as receiver.

In effect, the railroad puts it up to the court to devise a means of successfully West. operating a coal-carrying road under the restrictions of the Hepburn law.

The application was made by the Bowl ing Green Trust Company, of New York trustee of the \$10,000,000 general lien and convertible mortgage

Judge Morris, of the United States Dis trict Court, to-night signed the order making President B. F. Bush receiver. Confessed inability on the part of the gations is the formal basis for the ap-

Papers Are Signed.

The papers were signed to-night in the Thompson, Vanderpoel, and Freedman, of New York, are solicitors for the pe-

There is no contention that the railroad is not in a position to surmount any ordithe directors of the road, President Bush ten days and \$250; N. H. I says that the company is not confronted days with any failures of its revenues to cover and \$100. its fu'll xed charges, but it must at an early date encounter the problem presented by the commodity clause of the Federal rate law.

last six months of 1907 increased \$350,175. the company has been unable permanently his house in Rogers Park. to finance improvements, equipments, and

Prices of Bonds Shrink,

The company has outstanding loans ma turing April 1 amounting to \$3,076,750, secured by \$5,037,000 first mortgage bonds. The market price of the bonds, originally in excess of the loans, has shrunk far below the face of the loans. President Bush told the directors that the company would have to provide additional collateral to secure their extension.

Its coal properties are a material par of the security for the company's mort gagees, President Bush says, and the revenues from its coal business cannot be sacrificed or diminished without seriously affecting the income of the company There has been no charge of improper methods employed by the company, despite invitation for complaints extended

Would Be Sacrificed.

The Hepburn law, says President Bush cannot be generally observed in the extreme construction of which it is susceptible without wholesale marketing of coal lands at appalling loss or restriction of production, entailing vast loss of reve

bringing about extreme penalties for infractions of the law.

Under the proceedings taken, Presiden receiver will ask the court for instructions as to the course to be taken to protect the coal business and revenues of the company as affected by the Hepburn law. Thereby a timely construction of says, and the property rights of the company guarded.

Mr. Bush is the coal expert of the Gould system.

KAISER AS MATCHMAKER.

Rumored that King Manuel May

and Princess Victoria Louise, only daugh- York are yet to be heard from. ter of Emperor William. The proposal will be discussed when the Kaiser makes his premised visit of condolence to the Queen mother, Amelie. Officials refuse

King Manuel, who came to the throne last month through the assassination of died to-day at the home of her son his father, King Carlos, and his brother, Crown Prince Luiz, was born November 15, 1889, and is therefore not quite nine teen years of age. Princess Victoria was born September 15, 1892, and consequently lacks six months of being sixteen.

Baltimore and Ohio Railroad cure details from ticket agents.

LOSES MILLION ON PONIES.

Yorker Tells Court About His

Ill Luck for Twenty Years, New York, March 5 .- Charles Hickey. anager of a beef-packing firm, testified to-day before Justice Greenbaum and a jury in the Supreme Court that he had gambled and lost on horse races for the German Held in New York last twenty years, and thought that his total losses must have aggregated close to \$1,000,000 in that time. He could only specify one year, however, in which he had lost as much as \$30,600.

Hickey is the defendant in a suit brought by Joseph Barker to recover \$4,301, which Barker advanced to Hickey Government May Take a Hand for a stock deal. Hickey used the money to play the races, and subsequently comand promising to pay \$100 a month. He failed on the installments and Barker brought suit. Hickey testified that he believed the \$800 payment had wiped out all his indebtedness, as Barker knew, he said, that he had used the money to play

The trial continues to-morrow.

RAID BOGUS COIN DEN.

Gould Line, with Baltimore as Ter- secret Service Men Find Counterfelters and Anarchists.

> Chicago, March 5 .- One of the largest day by Capt. Thomas I. Porter, of the United States Secret Service, and city

Details of how a number of men and sistant, Detective Richey, and a number Baltimore, March 5.-Because of the of city detectives raided a house on the West Side and captured five men and Brooklyn detective bureau, said the ar-

The Secret Service officials assert that spurious coins, which they potential to

RANCHMEN ARE SENTENCED.

Found Gailty of Illegal Fencing In of Public Land.

Helena, Mont., March 5 .- Four prominent northern Montana ranchmen and live ing of them in New York. stock owners were given severe sentences by Judge Hunt, of the United States Court, to-day upon their entering pleas of time of having tried to sell the secret railroad company to meet maturing obli- guilty to indictments charging the illegal fencing in of the public domain

office of Gans & Haman, who, with and Judge Hunt said to-day that the time that it will be well for the Federal gov for light sentences had passed, that the ernment to step into the case to-mor law must be observed by all, and hereafter persons convicted on that charge . William M. Clemens, a private detec would be given ample time to reflect. nary difficulties if it were not for the dents of Choteau County. Their sentences made the discovery that Esser had been

GEN. HERMAN LIEB DEAD.

Civil War Veteran Succumbs to

Chicago, March 5.-Gen. Herman Lieb, a charges, including the abnormally high of injuries suffered Saturday when he cost of temporary loan and renewals, but slipped and fell on the icy sidewalk near

He was superintendent of the postal postal service under the administration of of the best men in the place. He was a of the grand jury that, just previous to little of him. the World's Fair, indicted several Chicago aldermen of the Roth bribery

TOMBSTONE IN A TREE. Wild Cherry Envelops Marble Shaft

for Half a Century.

Crawfordsville, Ind., March 5.-While cutting down a large wild cherry tree in the Ladoga Cemetery, south of here, workmen found that the tree had enwidth. On the tombstone was the inscription: "Alma Berard, born January 5, 1774; died May 15, 1830. May she rest in peace."

According to old residents of the neighany other than the course adopted by tree was twelve feet in circumference at the road would be adjudged an evasion, the base, and for many years has attracted considerable attention on account of its size.

Bush says, it is safe to assume that the ASK PARDON FOR VAN SCHAICK Masters, Mates, and Pilots Will Send Petition to Roosevelt.

the law will be obtained, President Bush Mates, and Pilots, which has charge of his patriotism for the fatherland. Roosevelt at the latter end of this month. The committee stated that up to date of them within a short distance from state that negotiations are afoot to New York. Those to whom petitions have bring about the marriage of King Manuel been sent at some distance from New

Mrs. Richard B. Cummings, Wife of

Gaelie Interpreter. New York, March 5 .- Mrs. Richard Barcett Cummings, who was 101 years old. Thomas J. Cummings, at 203 East Sixtyfirst street. She came here in 1867, from County Limerick.

Her husband, who died in 1882, for many years was Gaelic interpreter at Castle Garden. She leaves three sons and three daughters. She is survived by twenty three grandchildren and three great-

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SOUGHT TO SELL TORPEDO SECRETS

on Serious Charge.

ARRESTED FOR LARCENY

as Result of Inquiry.

Esser Believed to Have Been Conducting Negotiations with Fatherland for Sale of Information About Projectiles Manufactured for the United States-First Accused of Stealing Tools from Plant.

New York, March 5 .- Although locked up on the specific charge of grand arceny, William Esser, forty years old ounterfeiting plants ever discovered in a German machinist, who was arrested Chicago, it is believed, was unearthed to- after a hard fight with detectives tonight at his home, Lenox road and Albany avenue, Flatbush, is suspected of having been negotiating with the German government for the sale of the women are alleged to have banded to- secret of a patented projectile which the gether as counterfeiters and anarchists E. W. Bliss Company has been manuwere revealed when Capt. Porter, an as- facturing for the United States govern-

Acting Captain August Kuhne, of the 686 Austin avenue, where it is said the and that it will be established in court counterfeiting band had its stronghold. that for a long time he has been in comthe counterfeiters had their factory for ing to have the imperial government purwisse from him the process for the concirculate throughout the city and the struction of the projectile, which has been carefully guarded ever since it was

Esser is accused by Francis Page, viceresident of the E. W. Bliss Company with having stolen tools from the proje tile works of the company, at the foot o Fifty-third street, Brooklyn, and dispo

Suspected for Some Time.

to the German government, there was no way of catching him at it, but whi he was taken to Brooklyn police head This makes ten prominent citizens, who, quarters to-night and searched, there within the last month, have been con- were found on him several letters writricted or pleaded guilty to that charge, ten in German which convince the polic

tive, who was employed by the Bliss con Those sentenced to-day were all resi- pany to investigate the theft of the tools Hepburn law. In a statement nade to the directors of the road, President Bush ten days and \$250; N. H. I ham, two many for the sale of the secret.

when six headquarters detectives deound pieces of the projectile in a work-hop in the rear of his house.

Esser Expert Machinist.

Esser, who is an expert machinist, can dent to his employers that he had worke formerly prominent as a Democrat and on explosives, and he hadn't been there many weeks before he was rated as on Postmaster Washington Hessing, of whom keen student, and kept much to himself, he was a close friend. He was foreman and his fellow-workmen learned mighty

Nine months ago, he quit the company employ and hasn't worked for any cor an elaborate workshop, where he labored His wife and two sons and a daughte apparatus, but what it was they did no because they never questioned him abou

Tools Are Missed. Not long after Esser left the Bliss

valuable tools were missing. A search of the machine

tools were found, besides the parts of the ecret projectile which the company is nanufacturing for the government.

There was one letter found on the pris oner, which was postmarked New York and warned him to "lay low." Also, there were many letters, all written in German, which Clemens said clearly show that Esser had been negotiating for a long time to sell the secret. Acting Capt. would not make their contents public, by Detective Clemens said that they indi- night. cated that Esser claimed all along that he was not striving to earn a fabulous sum the American Association of Masters, but was prompted in what he did through Although Esser has been in this coun-

> the Whitehead torpedo for the govern ment, and is now working on a \$4,000,000 contract to furnish the army and the

ROWBOAT NOT A VESSEL.

Across Detroit River Acquitted. Chinamen from Canada, because he used bodies were cut down, soaked in oil, and

didn't come by land.

seismologist, reports that his instruginning at 2:30 a. m. to-day and lasting for three hours. He says the shock fessed that he and his companion murwas probably in South America or East- dered Mr. and Mrs. Hart for the pur-

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At Eckstein's from 12 to 3. 1412 N. Y. ave.

Whole Colony Seeks Alleged Kidnapper of Girl.

SWARTHY SLEUTHS ON TRAIL

Threats Muttered Against Ugo Of Hallowell's house, beat his wife, and Peitro, Who Is Believed to Have Run Away with Pretty Antonia Danbrosio, Daughter of a Street Fruit Dealer-Statio Watched.

Hundreds of Italians, re-enforced by night searching for Ugo Di Peitro, twenteen years old, the belle of the Italian olony, yesterday evening

with a resulting surplus over all fixed veteran of the civil war, died here to-day to this country from Germany in 1902. Italians congregated, watching all aphotels and lodging-houses. Others went

The Danbrosio family lived at 8 K the confusion of moving the eidest daughin the evening was her absence noted

Father Starts Search.

Upon learning that his daughter had on Wednesday he is going about arme been seen with Di Peitro, Angelo Dan- and a special detective has been detailed brosio began the search. Di Peitro could to watch the magistrate's home in Far not be located at his home, 1016 South Rockaway. had a hand in the disappearance of his gers, skulls, and cross-bones and a coffin works the section foremen and the head daughter. He told his neighbors of his It was mailed in Jamaica on Monday height and about fourteen inches in of the supply department found many fears, and within a short time the entire shop was muttered threats, and more than one Rockaway precinct. made and several of the Bliss Company's made significant moves toward the

> The kidnapper of the belle of the colony caught, they said.

The father notified the police and lookouts were sent to every section of the city. Even before the machinery of the police department was set in motion, They continued searching nearly all

his home, ostensibly to see the head of the house, but, he now believes, in reality, to see the pretty daughter. Search parties of Italians are at Alex-

NEGROES HANGED AND BURNED Mob at Hawkinsville Soaks Bodie

andria, at Rockville, and at Hyattsville.

in Oil and Applies Torch. Hawkinsville, Ga., March 5.-Curry Robinson and John Henry, negroes, ac-Warren Hart, were put to death by a mob Detroit, March 5 .- The Federal Court in the suburbs of Hawkinsville early to-

burned. One of the negroes revived when

boat is not a "vessel," and the aliens the fire touched him, and his contortion and screams were frightful. The other St. Louis, March 5.-Chief of Police negro was killed by the hanging. Creecy to-day received a note embellished and demanded the negroes. No resistance was offered, and the mob soon had the

It is said that one of the negroes con-

Baltimore and Ohio Royal Blue

at 11:30 and 2:52 night, with through sleep-

ITALIAN BELLE GONE SUES "NIGHT RIDERS." IS FREE AT MIDNIGHT Kentuckian Who Was Driven from State Asks Heavy Damages, Paducah, Ky., March 5.-Robert H. Ha lowell and wife, of Vandergrift, Ind., and ormerly of Caldwell County, Ky., to-day Immediate Liberty. filed suits for \$50,000 damages, each against thirty residents of Caldwell County, on the ground that they were mem bers of night riders, which attacked their home last May.

The night riders, it is alleged, "shot-up forced him to leave.

The raid, Hallowell alleges, was based on the fear of the night riders that Hallowell would testify against them regard ing the Princeton raid.

LOST IN DISMAL SWAMP.

and from whom nothing has been heard since, though he was expected back yes

Mrs. Seay is alarmed, and members o the church are anxiously seeking infor delayed return. The preacher was with former Policeman Pierce, whose wife has received no word of their whereabouts.

GETS "BLACK HAND" THREAT. ion of ex-Mayor Gilroy, of New York

New York, March 5.- Recause Magis. trate Eugene C. Gilroy, of Far Rockaway, a son of ex-Mayor Gilroy, of Old New York City, got a threatening letter

The letter is of the usual black hand the father of the girl that Di Peitro had sort and filled with rude pictures of dag-The magistrate showed it to Police Cap olony was aroused. The male members tain Wohlfraith, in command of the Far

The captain and other friends of the magistrate are inclined to think the senders were relatives or friends of two would not be dealt with lightly, if Italians who were arrested for robbing letter was mailed the same day the two were taken to Sing Sing. The magistrate was active in hunting down the robbers.

THREAT FOR POLICE CHIEF.

Official to Pay Penalty for Unearthing Crime in Birmingham. Birmingham, Ala., March 5 .- Chief of

"Chief Bodeker: Give you one week to he has found his imprisonment a severe uit job; you find out a knife if you hardship, On the reverse side of the note was a

The chief worked up a number of cases against a shipping clerk of a local biscuit ourned yesterday, returned a number of with the purchase of government sup- gress, as published in last Fricay's Wash-

WARNED BY "BLACK HAND." izens Gei Threatening Letters.

with the usual "Black Hand" marks and "Chief Creecy: I warn you that yo are the next victim. I would call on you n person, but do not want to be a mark-

It is signed "An American Italian, Edward L. Loyet, a florist, and The fore Louise, a restaurant man, received etters demanding that certain sums be left at designated places. The letters

Profit by the Banking Advantages offered you by Union Trust Co., 15th and H sts. This company's banking dept. pays interest on all ac-counts, subject to check. Gov't control.

Machen Pays \$10,000 to Gain

Expected in Washington To-morrow Morning-Plans for Future Have Not Taken Form-Departure Big Lors to Moundsville-Payment of Fine Saves Month in Prison.

Rather than spend thirty days more in the Federal penitentiary at Mound W. Va., the sum of \$10,000, his fine under Suffolk, Va., March 5.-Considerable conviction in the post-office graft cases. concern is felt for the safety of Rev. W. was paid yesterday by August Machen, rain for Washington immediately after his release, arriving to-morrow morning. His plans for the future are not definite-

ly laid. Prison Will Miss Him

He will leave the prison the most regretted man ever incarcerated in this institution. His executive ability and ex- ice, may result in the general service perience in organization have worked for 161. . wonders toward improvement of prison

ispensable to the prison authorities. Their regret at his departure will be as teen as the joy of those whose interest other lines.

Machen has been the most liberally treated "trusty" in the prison. He has nioved the liberty of walking about the

ne theater in Wheeling, they say, is and improperly protected, could be blamed.

Machen also denies this rumor. Punishment Is Promised. Officials of the Department of Justice ave become greatly annoyed over per- Commissioners Would Fireproof All

great favoritism is being extended promi ent Federal prisoners Reports of the extension of similar private leges to George Beavers, former superin

It is announced at the Department of of favoritism will mean the instant disnissal of the warden at Moundsville.

Four Years in Prison. For nearly four years Machen has paid Police Bodeker, of Birmingham, to-day the penalty of his conviction of complicreceived, through the mail, with a Bes- ity in the post-office graft case. There is semer, Ala., date and postmark, a note little about the lines of his portly figure or the color of his face to suggest that

fine imposed by the court in addition to places for public assembly, but that they the imprisonment sentence, when he, with company, who was selling sugar, flour, and deorge and other goods to a small foreign store.

A. Lorenz, was convicted of conspiracy keeper, and the grand jury, which ad- to defraud the government in connection perintendent Stuart, recommended to Con-

> Machen has had nearly a year taken off his sentence for good behavior.

> > ROGERS SERIOUSLY ILL.

Walk Alone. New York, March 5 .- According to pasengers who arrived to-day from Bermuda aboard the Quebec Line steamship Bermudian, H. H. Rogers, who went to

is in very feeble condition. After a ball game he attended several days before the Bermudian sailed he was unable to leave the grand stand without the help of his valet and another at-

Mr. Rogers and Mark Twain are together most of the time, and the humor-

INQUIRY IS BEGUN INTO SCHOOL FIRE

TWO CENTS.

Overheated Boilers Held as Cause of Disaster.

JANITOR ON THE GRILL

Total of Dead at Collinwood Mounts Up to 181.

Ohio State Legislature Appropriates \$25,000 for Relief-Story of Fourteen-year-old Anna Neubert Intimates that Janitor Hirter's Attention to Heating Apparatus Was Lax-Public Funerals Planned.

Cleveland, March 5 .- Inquiry into the cause of the Collinwood school fire, in which 179 pupils and two heroic teachers lost their lives yesterday, turned to-day to a search for testimony to bear out the theory of Fire Chief George Wallace, of Cleveland, that the boiler, overheated through lack of water, originated the flames.

Fred Hirter, the janitor, three of whose hildren perished before his eyes, was questioned at length by Deputy State Fire Marshal Harry Brockman and Nathan Fiegenbaum. They, with Chief Wallace and City Building Inspector W. S. Lougee, inited in the opinion that the lead of fourteen-year-old Anna Neubert, who first should be followed.

The little girl had said she started down the basement stairs, was halted by spirals of smoke, saw a man frantically working at the steam valves of a red hot boiler,

Calls to Janitor.

She came back, she said, and called o Hirter, whose name she would not use in describing her first sight of a man in the basement, that the building was afire. She said Hirter swas opening the grate of the boiler

Hirter told the inspectors his fires were ow at 9:30 o'clock, and that he was vorking at his boilers when the child alled to him. He said, also, that only oninflammable lime was in the closet rom which flames first sprang. He doclared pupils stumbled on the steps leading to the fateful west door, and that their fall caused the jamming of the en-The doors opened outward, he

the ten-foot eight-inch entranc When Hirter was asked finally about the condition of his boilers, he collapsed. He will be questioned to-morrow, being

unable to talk to-night. ground heading the inquiry, while

Coroner Burke heard testimony showing that the doors opened outward.

Relief Measure Passed, The legislature to-day started a precedent, speedily passing an appropriation bill of \$25,000 for Collinwood relief, and a canvass of the parents of the dead was made, with a view to a general public funeral service Saturday. Some parents bject to this method, but the necessity of burying thirty unrecognizable, charred corpses at city charges with public serv-

Forty bodies were to-day recognized in the morgue by weeping fathers and moth-

identified. Crazed by the loss of two children, his all since the death three months ago of baby, Leonard Buschman attempted to end his life. Neighbors overpowered him and he is being guarded.

The investigators learned that the girstreets of Moundsville during the morning ders just above the boilers had been burned thoroughly, while timbers elselutely false all stories to the effect that an explosion could not have caused hat Machen has ever been allowed to the fire and that only an overheated eave Moundsville. That he had attended boiler and steam pipes, close to the ceiling

> That is the basis of the investigation now. FIRE DRILLS IN VOGUE HERE.

endent of allowances and supplies of the Post-office Department, during his term the regulations of the District concerning of service, met with emphatic denials fire drills, in order to prevent any such loss of life as was occasioned at the Cleveland fire. No repetition of the Cleveland disaster

is likely to occur in Washington, say the officials in charge of the schools, but no effort is to be spared by them to prevent the loss of a single life. Absolutely fireproof school buildings are imperatively urged by the Commissioners. More favorable consideration of the recent report of the school com should all be built of fireproof material. he, with James Knox Taylor and Suington Herald, that fireproofing should be used to a greater extent in the construcreport, said that: "The fireproofing of school buildings is not believed to be so necessary in Washington as in other cities, as the fire risk here is not so great. If the building has, however, more Standard Oil Magnate Is Unable to than two floors, the risk of fire should not be taken. In a two-story building. panic is more to be feared than the actual fire risk, and it is believed that the eliminate this risk. There are, however, struction which would recommend it in all cases. While more expensive at first, The new buildings in St. Louis are exmunicipality goes to the extreme of fireproofing up to the level of the eaves, even

> Exhibition of Baskets of Flowers. Blackistone, 14th and H sts. nw.

achieved notable results.'

for the two-story buildings, and has